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**COMMISSIONER SOUGHT FOR ETHICS AND ELECTIONS COMMISSION**

SEATTLE – The Seattle City Council is looking for a candidate to serve on the Seattle Ethics and Elections Commission (SEEC).

The SEEC is a seven-member, volunteer body that interprets, administers and enforces Seattle’s Ethics, Elections, Lobbying and Voters’ Pamphlet Codes. The SEEC advises the City Council and the Mayor on promoting ethics in government, and appoints and oversees the work of an executive director, who is charged with implementing SEEC decisions. Commissioners act as judges when a person is charged with violating one of the Commission-administered codes, and issue advisory opinions. Through staff, the SEEC publishes guides to the codes it enforces, and conducts educational programs on the Commission-administered codes.

The SEEC meets the first Wednesday of every month at 4:00 p.m., and occasionally Commissioners need to attend special meetings. Commission members usually spend between two and five hours per month on SEEC business, although the workload can vary.

Commissioners serve three-year terms and can be reappointed. The appointee’s terms will run until December 31, 2014. Women, persons with disabilities, sexual minorities, and persons of color are encouraged to apply. Residency in the City of Seattle, while not required, is an asset.

To be considered for appointment to the SEEC, please send a letter of interest and resume by December 1, 2011 via e-mail to wayne.barnett@seattle.gov. Or mail to:

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